## Proclamation



## D.C. APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

NOVEMBER 14 - 20, 2016

WHEREAS, President of the United States, Barack Obama, set a goal in 2014 to double the number of apprentices over a five-year period nationwide, and to ensure that Registered Apprenticeships have a leading role in building a skilled workforce that meets the needs of employers; and



WHEREAS, apprenticeships provide not only a good return on investment for District of Columbia residents to advance their skills and enter on pathways to the middle class, but also for District employers to diversify their workforce and increase productivity; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1,300 DC residents proudly serving as apprentices across our city; and

WHEREAS, the District supports the creation of more apprenticeship opportunities across multiple industries in order to benefit workers and employers alike, and further grow our city:



NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim November 14 - 20, 2016, in Washington, DC as "D.C. APPRENTICESHIP WEEK."